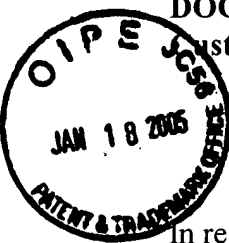


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PATENT

Customer No. 36029



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : Damon Ray Black, et al.
Serial No. : 10/042,992
Filed : January 9, 2002
For : METHOD OF FORMING A LEAD (AS AMENDED)
Group No. : 3729
Examiner : Rick K. Chang

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

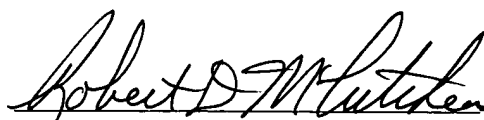
Applicant respectfully requests a one (1) month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2004. The response period is presently set to expire on December 17, 2004, and if this Petition for Extension of Time is granted, the new response date will be January 17, 2005 (federal holiday).

A check in the amount of \$320.00 is enclosed for the additional independent claims fee (\$200.00) and one (1) month extension fee (\$120.00). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Davis Munck Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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